

## OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### ORDINANCE 2022 - 7

*An Ordinance which imposes interim land use controls in accordance with RCW 36.70.795 Moratoria, interim zoning controls to allow staff to evaluate zoning density against water availability in the Tunk Basin, Lower Tunk Basin, and Tamarack Springs Basin all located in Water Resource Inventory Area #49.*

**WHEREAS:** In November of 2016 the Washington State Supreme Court issued a decision cited as *Whatcom-Hirst*, 186 Wn.2d 648, 381 P.3d 1 (2016) which further defined the role of Counties in determining the legal and physical availability of water for building permits and land division applications that propose to use a permit exempt well as authorized in Revised Code of Washington 90.44.050 as the source of potable water, and

**WHEREAS:** The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has collected information regarding water availability in the Upper and Lower Tunk Basins and Tamarack Springs. Those studies include the following sources of information:

1. (USGS) Groundwater/Surface-Water Interactions in the Tunk, Bonaparte, Antoine, and Tonasket creek Subbasins, Okanogan River Basin, North Central Washington, 2008
2. (USGS) StreamStats Flood Frequency Analysis Software
3. (Entrix) Okanogan Watershed Plan Level I Technical Assessment, 2006
4. (Washington State Department of Ecology, ECY) Stream Gage Data for Tunk Creek
5. (Western Climate Mapping Initiative) WestMap Climate Analysis and Mapping Toolbox.

**WHEREAS:** In 2021, Okanogan County adopted a Comprehensive Plan that provides guidance for the zoning of rural lands, and

**WHEREAS:** Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners have determined that zoning may be inappropriate in this area based on water availability and the Comprehensive Plan guidance, and

**WHEREAS:** RCW 36.70.795 allows for the adoption of interim land use controls provided a public hearing is scheduled within 60 days of date of adoption, and

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED:** A moratorium is placed on the division of lands within the Upper Tunk Basin, Lower Tunk Basin, and Tamarack Springs Basin all located in Water Resource Inventory Area #49 under Okanogan County Code, Title 16, and

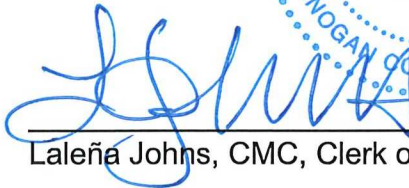
**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:** The Office of Planning and Development is directed to work with the Okanogan County Planning Commission to recommend zoning density and use changes to Okanogan County Code, Chapter 17A Zoning, to the Board of County Commissioners, and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:** This moratorium will expire six months after adoption unless otherwise extended or repealed.

**DATED** at Okanogan, Washington this 19 day of July 2022.

**ATTEST:**



  
Laleña Johns, CMC, Clerk of the Board

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OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

  
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